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### Farmers Banquet

LARGE ATTENDANCE AND MUCH ENTHUSIASM

Thursday evening the annual banquet of Strathmore Local of the United Farmers of Alberta was held in the Opera House. There was an attendance of over 300, mostly farmers in the district with a number of invited townspeople.

After an enjoyable repast, the serving of which did credit to the various ladies who were in charge, the toast list was proceeded with. Mr. T. H. Huckerfield, vice-president of the Union, officiated in the absence of President Sorensen, who was at the time attending the Convention of Alberta Rural Municipalities in Calgary.

After grace by Rev. S. A. Chaucery, the toast of the "King and Country" was loyally proposed by the toast master.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY OF STRATHMORE**

Mr. M. E. Sykes proposed the toast of the "Town and Trade of Strathmore" in an eloquent speech, in which he told of the big amount of work the Town Council had put through during the past two years, and of the amount of work they had to do. The townspeople of Strathmore were naturally very much interested in seeing the farmer prosper, as their interests were bound up with one another. The Town Council were mostly engaged in amateur farming. There was not one of them but had a bunch of chickens or something of that sort. They were honestly striving to do their best for the town and for the district.

Mayor Lambert, in responding, said that Sykes was quite right when he said that the Town Council had quite a lot of work to do. That they had managed so well during the past two years was in a large measure due to the secretary-treasurer, Mr. Sykes, who had done a lot to guide them across the difficult places. There was one thing, that they prided themselves on here and that was that they were not an open town, in the sense that some towns were. They had always done their best to keep down vice and evil of any kind. When talking of the Town and Trade of Strathmore, it was only right to say that the trade of Strathmore was greatly helped by the C. P. R. payroll in this district, which was between \$75,000 and \$80,000 monthly, and added to their irrigation buildings and Demonstration Farm, was one of the main assets of the town. With regard to the cold storage plant, which had been brought through by their president, Mr. Sorensen, the Council thought it was a fine idea, and would be prepared to help it along by every means in their power. He believed that once it was started, it would grow, and be of great benefit to both the town and district.

**THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Mr. H. Wootter, in proposing this toast, thought the Town and Rural Municipalities should be engaged in work together on the subject of cold storage plants, and he was also in favor of municipally owned elevators. He would have liked to have seen the Municipality grant to the agricultural society go through, as he felt a society of that kind would be a great help to the district.

The speaker also made a lot of work on the part of the Municipality during the present year, and he

### A Railroad Tragedy

Joseph Cairn was killed by a C. P. R. freight train while lying on the track between Stobart and Namaka about half-past twelve on Friday afternoon March 13.

In his pockets was found the sum of twenty-five cents, an agreement of sale on a lot in DeBourne, Alta., an account for \$2.50 storage on a grip, some correspondence between himself and a man named Anderson in Calgary, which revealed his identity, and a letter which showed that he was on his way to a place called Happy Hill, Alberta, where he had been promised a job.

The place where he was killed is at Badine siding, one of the loneliest spots on the line. When seen by the engine driver and fireman he was lying half-way across the track, but though the brakes were put on it was too late to stop, and the engine and several cars passed over him. His head was smashed on the pilot, and one leg was cut off below the knee. Death was, of course, instantaneous.

The police made inquiries in Calgary, but have not yet been able to locate the man Anderson, though they have the address of the boarding house where he was staying, and they do not know whether the man was employed in the district or part of the country. The evidence of the contents of his pockets tells a story of unemployment and poverty. He left Calgary on the 9th inst., as is shown by his correspondence, to walk to the place he had been promised work.

The handbills, which had reference to the meetings of the unemployed by L. W. W. held in Calgary this winter showed that probably he had been up against it for work, like many others in the city. He was reduced to 25c, and his real estate investment, on which he had paid \$60 or \$80, was probably quite a loss. He was in the city for some time in places throughout the West at the present time. He had walked from Calgary to the place where he met his fate, and was probably exhausted with weariness and fatigue, as he did not make any effort to rise or any movement at all when the engine whistle blew, though he was in the clear of his track.

His death is a sad commentary upon a system that allows men to starve in a land which produces more foodstuff than is consumed within its borders.

**THE INQUEST**

The body was brought to Namaka in a freight car, and afterwards conveyed to Strathmore, where an inquest was held on Saturday evening by Dr. Glavin, coroner for the district. After viewing the body at Mr. C. W. Chase's undertaking parlors, the jury proceeded to the Mounted Police barracks, where the evidence of the fireman and engineer of the train was taken.

Mr. Wootter, in stating that when about 500 yards east of the siding of Badine siding he noticed something on the track about 12 or 15 telegraph poles away which he believed was a young child, he was run over by a train. The engineer blew his whistle and put on the brakes, but they were unable to stop before reaching the object. At that time they sighted the child, they were travelling about 25 miles an hour, and when they struck it at about eight. Four or five cars had passed before they stopped. The engineer, William Dunbar, gave evidence during the inquest on the subject of the former witness.

The jury's verdict was to the effect that deceased died as a result of the manner stated, and that no fault was attached to the railway company. The jury were John Macdonald, H. Delme, M. E. Sly, J. W. Wootter, O. H. Weir, and C. W. Chase.

The manager, chef, and all employees are white at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

### Settlers for the Eastern Block

ARRIVE AT BASSANO

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO BRING THEM TO GLITCHEN

On Wednesday morning a train-load of 81 persons from Colorado arrived at Bassano, on their way to C. P. R. irrigated farms near that town. They were stocked with houses, cattle, and implements, and are stated to be practical irrigators. On their arrival at Bassano they were welcomed by many members of the Bassano Board of Agriculture who assisted them to unload their effects, a banquet was tendered them in the evening, at which Bassano gave them an official welcome, and the new settlers spoke in eulogistic terms of their new home.

Mr. J. G. Clouston, of the Animal Husbandry Branch of the C. P. R. Dept. Natural Resources, and Mr. R. S. Stockton, Strathmore, Sup't. of Irrigation in the Western Section of the Irrigation Block, were among the speakers. Dr. Kutterford's address was received with great applause, and he gave some good advice to the settlers.

Superintendent Stockton's address had to do with irrigation. He was formerly in irrigation work in Colorado, and he told of the possibilities of alfalfa growing. He said that in the Western Block the C. P. R. maintained a force of 500 men to superintend irrigation, that the eastern section was much larger and ultimately a proportionally larger force would be employed on the eastern section.

Mr. Stockton briefly referred to the attempt made during the day by the Glenheim farmers to discourage the settlers, and stated that they would find out for themselves that a man who wanted to make good in Alberta on irrigated land could do so. Alberta lands was good for alfalfa and sugar beets, it has been proven that the watered soil increased the crops.

The men from Glenheim had opened a partisan campaign against irrigation, claiming it was not a success, or they would not sell the land. He did not believe that the U. F. A. of Alberta had been deluged with the action of the Glenheim delegation, but he thought it was confined to the Glenheim Union.

He was glad to know that the new settlers had paid no attention to their charges against the country. He concluded his address by saying in good word for Bassano, characterizing it as the biggest town of its size on the continent.

**THE GLITCHEN INCIDENT**

Some excitement was caused during the day by an attempt of some farmers from Glenheim, headed by Mr. W. D. Trevelyan, a U. F. A. director, to persuade the new settlers to give up their plan of settling on irrigated land. The men from Colorado listened to their arguments for some time, but were seemingly not much moved by them, for after the Glenheim men had been around for some time the new settlers got together and one of their number, Mr. A. L. Freyberger, told the Glenheim men that they were well satisfied with their purchase, and that they had thoroughly investigated before buying in consultation he said.

"Your advice is not welcome. We know a good deal about this country, and I personally have lived for the past year and a half on the Bassano colony, have had actual experience of it. We did not come here with our eyes closed, and I must say for the railroad that they insisted that every one of us should see the land we were going to settle on, that we should see other districts throughout the irrigation block, and that we should read over the land contracts and the

### LOCAL JOTTINGS

Several new settlers arrived this week. These include Mr. S. L. Hall, who has rented Mr. C. C. North's place, one mile north of town, and Mr. Melvin Dodd, his cousin, who has bought a farm north of the C. P. R. nearby, on which he intends to build. They arrived on Sunday morning from Illinois, and are bringing a lot of stock and implements with them, in addition to household effects.

Mr. C. C. North's auction sale takes place to-day.

Mr. M. Wilton's auction sale last week was quite successful, over \$3000 cash being realised.

Mr. Curtis, from Hannaford, North Dakota, is here at present on a visit to his nephew, Mr. F. H. Hartman. He is the owner of a parcel of land north of town, and is staying till the end of this week.

Mr. F. H. Hartman and family arrived back from a holiday in the States on Monday morning.

Mr. J. W. Eason, Jeweller, finds business so brisk that he has engaged an assistant in the person of Mr. Wm. Jones, who has had several years experience in the business in Calgary.

Mr. G. H. Patrick and baby boy arrived home from Revelstoke on Saturday.

Ladies stopping at the Maple Leaf will get all the courtesies possible on Saturday.

"We must have money. We will sell three good lots in Block four for three hundred dollars each." - F. T. McElhose

Yes, they do give you a 75c meal for 35c, put up by a first class white chef, at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

Water agreements, and that we should be perfectly satisfied each and all of us with the arrangement into which we were entering.

"We are practical irrigators, and I want to say to you that if we need advice, we will go to those who have made a success of irrigation in this country, and not to failures as you have proven yourselves to be. We are going to work hard, and if success is possible in this country on this land we will attain it; if not, we will take our waders and not expect them to be the entire world as you have done."

A number of the Bassano Board of Trade then got up and extended the deputation a hearty invitation to leave the town, which they did shortly after.

Glenheim citizens have officially disowned their action, and expressed their sympathy with Bassano.

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The fourteenth annual auction sale of pure bred bulls and pure bred cattle show, under auspices of the Alberta Cattle Breeders Association and the Alberta and Dominion Departments of Agriculture, takes place in Calgary, April 14th to 16th.

Strathmore Football Club will hold a practice match on Friday evening at 6:30. All members desirous of playing should inform the Secretary, A. Hinchell, P.O. box 175. The Committee would like all playing members to pay up their dues. A general meeting will be held after the match at the Maple Leaf Hotel.

Mr. S. Woolley, owner of the Maple Leaf Hotel, arrived back in Alberta yesterday after a winter spent in England. He was in Strathmore yesterday.

We have received the official report of the proceedings of the Western Canada Irrigation Association, at Lethbridge last August, published by authority of the Department of the Interior. It is very readable for a general reader, and is well illustrated. Space forbids in this issue, but in some future issue we hope to publish extracts from some of the addresses delivered. They are very instructive indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sim and family returned from their holiday in the States last week.

They are a fine bunch out at Nightingale. Their latest is the formation of a dramatic club, which will give a performance of the humorous drama, "Among the Breakers" at Nightingale on March 25. They are arranging a concert programme and Negro Farce for the same evening. This will be followed by a dance. If the Nightingale Theatricals put this over successfully, they intend giving more performances at Strathmore and Standard.

From the reports of recent conventions, etc., held in Calgary, it would appear that Henry Sorensen is putting it over the Trevellyn faction.

Mr. J. W. Bolton returned on Saturday from a week's holiday in Banff.

Mr. A. Sykes commences next week on the erection of a dwelling-house on the land he bought from the C. P. R. last fall on the new subdivision south-west of the present townsite. He intends to go into chicken raising on a large scale.

A large number of men are now in town waiting for the C. P. R. irrigation camps to open up. The Company have an extensive programme of improvements in view for this year.

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Thursday 32.5 53.3

Friday 32.5 53.3

Saturday 32.5 53.3

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Readings taken at 8 a.m.

"The very mild weather of the past two weeks has done much to melt the snow and ice, and farmers have been busy cleaning up their farms and plowing the land. The spring has started this week. Some of them have started their plowing. This is considerably earlier than the average season."

The weather report for the week is as follows:

Reports supplied by Mr. C. A. Nickson.









**BUCKINGHAM BROS.**  
BOLES' LIVERY, STRATHMORE  
PHONE 4





The next morning Beth spent in rehabilitating all her clothes, piling into

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